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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This election is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, for the above-noted patent application.

In the Office Action, the claims were restricted between two inventions, which the Examiner asserts are patentably distinct: Group I, comprising claims 1-22, and Group II, comprising claims 23-33.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, comprising claims 1-22. Consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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